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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF SECOND WORKING DOCUMENT, SASK-1 - RD-2, RELATING TO DRAFT AGENDA POINT 2(B)-- PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF ENTERING INTO FORCE OF AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN MARITIME QUESTIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSULAR QUESTIONS CONCERNING VISITS BY VESSELS OF ONE SIDE IN THE PORTS OF THE OTHER SIDE (PRESENTED BY SOVIET DELEGATION).

2. BEGIN TEXT: FROM NOVEMBER 22 1972 TO MARCH 15 1973 THIRTEEN US FLAG VESSELS VISITED SOVIET PORTS, OF WHICH TWELVE WERE MERCHANT VESSELS AND ONE A SCIENTIFIC-RESEARCH US NAVAL VESSEL (" WYMAN"). NO COMPLICATIONS WITH THE ENTRY OF THE VESSELS INTO PORTS AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF FREE PRACTICE WERE SET. OF THE THIRTEEN US FLAG VESSELS ONLY THREE VESSELS HAD CREW LISTS, VISAED IN THE NECESSARY MANNER BY SOVIET CONSULATES ABROAD. IN SPITE OF SUCH DEPARTURE FROM THE AGREED- UPON RULES, SHORT LEAVE WAS GRANTED TO
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THE CREWS OF ALL VESSELS. THE CAPTAINS OF US FLAG VESSELS HAVE NOT REGISTERED ANY COMPLAINTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROCESSING OF THE SHIPS BY THE BORDER, CUSTOMS AND PORT AUTHORITIES.

DURING THIS SAME PERIOD ABOUT 130 SOVIET FLAG MERCHANT VESSELS VISITED US PORTS.

AS A RULE, CREW LISTS OF THE SOVIET SHIPS WERE PRESENTED IN ADVANCE FOR A VISA AT THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. IN THE PRESENCE OF A CREW LIST VISA SHORE LEAVE IN US PORTS WAS GRANTED TO THE SOVIET SEAMAN WITHOUT HINDERANCE.

AT THE SAME TIME THERE AROSE SOME DIFFICULTIES.

THUS, ON JANUARY 17 1973 ON ARRIVAL IN THE PORT OF HOUSTON THE CAPTAIN OF THE S/ S " DMITRY DONSKOY" PRESENTED TO THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES A CREW LIST VISA, HOWEVER SHORT LEAVE WAS NOT GRANTED TO THE CREW. AN ANALOGOUS CASE OCCURED JANUARY 14 1973 WITH THE S/ S " BEREZOVKA" HAVING A CREW LIST VISA FOR PUTTING INTO THE PORT OF HOUSTON. AT THE LAST MOMENT THE SHIP WAS REROUTED TO PORT ARTHUR, WHERE SHORT LEAVE WAS NOT GRANTED TO THE CREW. THERE OCCURED CASES WHEN SOME VESSELS RECEIVED ASSIGNMENT TO US PORTS WHEN THEY WERE IN PORTS OF THIRD COUNTRIES. IN SUCH CASES IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO PRESENT CREW LISTS FOR A VISA TO THE US CONSULAR DEPARTMENTS. THE US IMMIGRATION ORGANS GRANTED SHORE LEAVE TO THE SENIOR OFFICER STAFF. THE REMAINDER OF THE CREW DID NOT GO ASHORE.

THE SOVIET DELEGATION AS BEFORE IS OF THE OPINION THAT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO REACH AGREEMENT ABOUT THE MUTUAL DROPPING OF RESTRICTIONS IN THE MATTER OF PERMITTING THE CREWS OF MERCHANT VESSELS ASHORE. SUCH AN AGREEMENT ON THE DROPPING OF ADVANCE VISAING OF CREW LISTS OF MERCHANT VESSELS WOULD SIMPLIFY THE CONDITIONS OF VISITS BY SEAMEN OF ONE SIDE IN THE PORTS OF THE OTHER SIDE AND WOULD RESPOND TO THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES.

THE SOVIET SIDE IN PRACTICE HAS ALREADY LIBERALIZED THE RULES FOR PERMITTING CREWS OF US FLAG VESSELS ASHORE, AND, IF THE AMERICAN SIDE IS READY TO DO THE SAME IN ITS PORT WITH REGARD TO CREWS OF SOVIET FLAG MERCHANT VESSELS, THEN SUCH AN AGREEMENT COULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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